

Re application of: Minoru Umemoto et al.

App. No. : 10/585,707

Filed : July 19, 2006

For : PROCESS OF FORMING ULTRAFINE
CRYSTAL LAYER, MACHINE COMPONENT HAVING
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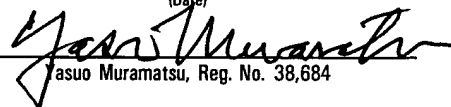
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Serial No. : 10/585,707)
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For : PROCESS OF FORMING)
ULTRAFINE CRYSTAL LAYER, MACHINE)
COMPONENT HAVING ULTRAFINE CRYSTAL LAYER)
FORMED BY THE ULTRAFINE CRYSTAL LAYER)
FORMING PROCESS, PROCESS OF PRODUCING)
THE MACHINE COMPONENT, PROCESS OF FORMING)
NANOCRYSTAL LAYER, MACHINE COMPONENT)
HAVING NANOCRYSTAL LAYER FORMED BY THE)
NANOCRYSTAL LAYER FORMING PROCESS, AND)
PROCESS OF PRODUCING THE MACHINE COMPONENT)
Examiner : Unknown)

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The prior art references cited in European Search Report in the counterpart European application. A copy of European Search

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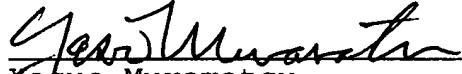
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REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests that the references disclosed in the statement be considered in the substantive examination of this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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